



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Albertsson et al.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Applicants hereby request withdrawal of the appeal in this case and reopening of prosecution pursuant to the concurrently submitted request for continued examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows: